COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS.

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, S. C., April 23.—How about the electric road that was to be built from Bamberg to Hartzog, Ehrhardt and Buford's Bridge? Seems as if it is about dead.

Mr. King, of Cameron, S. C., is on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Wesley Cope-

Dr. J. H. Roberts spent a day or two in town last week.

Mrs. Thracia Copeland has gone to Great Falls, S. C., to spend some time with Mrs. J. H. Roberts:

A young mule was left in the care of a farmer in this section. The mule was so restless in the stable, pawing around, until the farmer turned it in the lot so it could have more room to walk around. The farmer then went away to look at something else.

The mule went to the corn house and looked at the pile of corn. It was too small to suit the mule's idea, so before hunger got the upperhand of it too much thought it would hunt another place. So it took its departure and commenced the hunt. Did not find a crib of corn to suit it until it reached Mr. C. C. Fender's in the Colston section. Who came for the mule, Charley?

Corn and hav are in good demand. Nearly every farmer wants one or the other. Some of our farmers think the oat crop

will be short unless we get rain soon. So far the oat crop looks promising.

Col. C. Ehrhardt went to Charleston on business last week.

It seems as if two of our town's folks profited by going to court last week, as Mr. Joe Dannelly went to attend court as a witness and later on Miss Loula Belvin went to attend conference. From your paper we see that they concluded to do otherwise and went to the parsonage and were made one-and will return man and wife. Who next? There are other couples in Ehrhardt making plans, but can't tell which couple will think alike

Mr. A. W. Brabham was in town Saturday. He has a new project on foot. Says he has found a gin to suit his notion now and intends to get him a gasoline engine and a gin, which he claims has no saw nor ribs and will gin more cotton employed during a recent rush. than the saw gins now on the market. Says he can gin with one gin about 15 bales. The gasoline will cost him 10 cents per bale, and only needs one hand yard." The lady asked for something to work the press. Says he can make better, but the clerk replied that they had money at 75 cents per bale. We think nothing better, whereupon the proprietor Mr. Brabham will find this will only work at these figures on paper and not in a gin JEE.

At Oak Grove School.

"Out in the Streets," a drama and comedy in three acts and nine scenes, will be \$3.75, for, as you are doubtless aware, given by the larger pupils at Oak Grove owing to the recent epidemic among the school Friday night, May fourth, eight silkworms, the price of silk has increased thirty o'clock. This play is high-class, enormously of late." The customer took and one of the best.

Next day, May fifth, a basket picnic will be given on the grounds. The writer has secured as speakers for the last named occasion, two well known orators, Rev. E. W. Peeples, of Varnville, and President F. N. K. Bailey, of Edgefield.

All the patrons and those who are interested in the cause of education are cordially invited to attend both of the TEACHER. above named occasions. Ehrhardt, S. C., April 20, 1906.

All smart up-to-date women of to-day, Know how to bake, wash, sing and play; Without these talents a wife is N. G. Unless she takes Rocky Mountain Tea. H. F. Hoover.

Noted Moonshiner Carving Miniature Still. PICKENS, April 22.-Folger Powell, the notorious moonshiner who is now in the Pickens jail, is a mechanical genius. He has made an old fashioned plough-stock and wheelbarrow and presented them to

the auditor of the county. He has also made a complete grist mill and runs the mill by a hydrant in the jail; the rocks are made of soapstone, but the mill and works are complete in every particular, being well proportioned.

He is now at work on a still and will soon have that ready for operation. Of course, these are miniature.

Powell has a great many sympathizers, and there is now a petition being circulated for his pardon, and it is a known secret that Solicitor J. E. Boggs himself sympathizes with Powell. He is now under a 12 months' sentence, having already served several months.

He is a jolly fellow and seems to enjoy his stay in prison. Sheriff Jennings brought him up to the court house last week to go before the United States commissioner. After staying awhile he said to the sheriff, "Let us go back home, because there is no place like home."

A LUCKY POSTMISTRESS is Mrs. Alexander, of Cary, Me., who has found Dr. King's New Life Pills to be the best remedy she ever tried for keeping the stomach, liver and bowels in perfect order. You'll agree with her if you try J. B. Black. Price 25c.

KILLED NEIGHBOR WHILE TURKEY HUNTING

Mr. J. B. Bunch Killed by Mr. D. T. Allen in Georgetown-Each Mistook the Other for a Turkey.

GEORGETOWN, April 21 .- A very regrettable accident occurred in this county early yesterday morning in the killing of Mr. J. B. Bunch by Mr. D. T. Allen, while turkey hunting. Both men are prosperous farmers living only a few miles from town.

Notwithstanding the fact that the game laws prohibit the shooting of turkeys in this county after April 1st, both Mr. Bunch and Mr. Allen went out early and before. Each man was totally unaware ment. of the presence of the other. Each began yelping to draw the turkeys within gunsounds and approached the hunters, when Mr. Allen, seeing a movement and capture. an indistinct object through the leaves, which he thought was surely a turkey gobbler, raised his gun and fired. What was his horror to see Mr. Bunch rise from backward. Mr. Allen rushed to the side much hurt. Mr. Bunch replied that he was not only hurt, but was a dead man, and expired within a few minutes. The load of turkey shot had entered his chest and pierced his heart.

Mr. Bunch was a quiet, unobtrusive and industrious citizen and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His untimely death is a matter of universal regret. He was 40 years of age and has been married several times. His last wife, who was Miss Mary Harrelson, and quite a young woman, was a bride of only a few months.

Mr. Allen is overcome with remorse at the terrible result of his mistake. He and Mr. Bunch had always been the best of friends and were near neighbors. Mr. Allen is an elderly man probably 60 years of age, and his mistake was caused largely by failing sight, the distance between the two men when the shot was fired being about 50 yards.

THE CLERK HAD LEARNED And Told the Customer Why Prices Had Ad

vanced on Tape. The following incident happened in a

store not a thousand miles from Palatka, where a number of new clerks had been

A lady asked to be shown some silk. The young clerk showed her some, saying: "We can do this up for you at \$1.00 per school. came forward, and said:

"You must excuse my assistant, madam; he is new to the business. Here, madam, is a superior article, \$2.60 a yard. If it were not for the fact that I bought it some time ago, we should have to charge you the silk. A few days later the same lady came in and asked for some tape. The clerk said glibly:

"Here is some that we can let you have at 16 cents the dozen yards. If it wasn't for the fact that we have had it in stock some time we should have to charge 25 Professor J. Arthur Wiggins in the Sencents, for, as you are doubtless aware, owing to the recent epidemic among the tapeworms the price of tape has gone up being cared for by one of the strongest enormously." It was then she hit him and brainiest delegations that has ever with her umbrella.

Allendale Pythians.

ALLENDALE, April 21.—The occasion long to be remembered with pleasure was a banquet given to the Pythians by Mr. J. Norman Walker on last Tuesday even- present at the Walker-Steadman wedding. ing. Mr. Walker's home is well fitted for receiving a number of guests. The ning to be the order of the day around dining halls and parlors were beautifully our little city. lighted and decorated. A sumptuous repast was served by a half dozen lovely You can hear the cutting of the saw and young ladies. Mrs. Walker, the charm- ring of the hammer in most any direction ing hostess, added greatly to the pleasure nowadays, and from this welcome music of the evening with music and songs in one can prophesy that our little city is which she was ably assisted by others of destined to become one of the leading

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and 12 pounds of Wood. When you buy L. & M. Paint you get a full gallon of paint that won't wear off for 10 or 15 years, because L. & M. Zinc and the farming lands far and near are hardens the L. & M. White Lead and as good as any part of the State. H.

makes L. & M. paint wear like iron. 4 gallons L. & M. mixed with 3 gallons Linseed Oil will paint a moderate sized house. Actual cost L. & M. about \$1.20

Sold in the north, east, south and west. C.S. Andrews, ex-mayor, Danbury, Conn., Writes, "Painted my house 19 years ago with L. & M. Looks well today. Sold by H. F. Hoover, Bamberg, S. C.

partment of Clemson College, has just accepted the position of superintendent of the Leota Cotton Mills of Graham. N. C. We congratulate our young friend ing that the mills will be quite successthese painless purifiers that infuse new ful under his management. He is now that the deceased came to his death at his doing well and is pleased with his new that the deceased came to his death at his place and work.—Orangeburg Patriot. own hands.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

INTERESTING OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading Pungent Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Dr. Sampson Pope died at his home in Newberry last Sunday night. He was about seventy years old, and had been prominent in politics during Reform

Mr. Ed Towns, overseer on the Barnwell county chain gang, who accidentally took positions in some thick woods shot himself recently, died at the Columwhere turkey signs had been seen the day bia hospital where he was taken for treat-

J. T. Durst, the young white man recently shot by a negro in Johnston, is shot, and so true was the imitation that dead. He died in the hospital at Auguseach man supposed the other a turkey. ta, where he was carried for treatment. The real turkeys also responded to the The negro escaped, and the governor has been requested to offer a reward for his

A number of whiskey houses from whom it is claimed the former State board of control bought whiskey illegally. have agreed to take back all the whiskey the log on which he was sitting and fall | bought from them which the dispensary now has on hand, and this action relieves of the wounded man and asked if he was the situation to a great extent. A few houses have refused to take any back.

> Clarence Daniels was shot and instantly killed in Columbia last Thursday night by W. P. Little. Both are white men and were employees of the street railway company. The killing occurred at the car barn when the men had come in off duty. There had been bad blood between the two for some time. Little would make no statement.

Denmark Doings.

DENMARK, April 24-Mr. Editor, it has been some time since you have heard from your humble servant, and all for want of news, but of late there is something doing, hence I am on hand.

A number of friends and relatives are arriving to be present at the Walker-Steadman marriage, which is to take place at the first Baptist church, Wednesday evening, 25th instant at 8:30 o'clock.

Mr. A. J. Kearse has moved his family from Sato to West Denmark and is occupying the Senn cottage, which was formerly occupied by Mrs. Hattie Milhous, who is now residing at Mr. C. H. Hutto's.

We are sorry to report the illness of Miss Julia Zorn, who is some better at this writing and hope she will continue to improve and soon be at her place in

A goodly number of our citizens at tended the district conference held in Bamberg last week.

R. C. Hardwick, Esq., has just returned from a professional trip to Blair, S. C. in Fairfield county.

I see through your last issue that Hon. C. W. Garris, is thinking of making the race for the legislature. It is only to be hoped that he will fully make up his mind to make the race and your correspondent thinks that will be all that is necessary except going to the picnics and then the people will do the rest. What is the matter with Hon. H. C. Folk being the other one? Whoop'ee! Wouldn't that be a team which Bamberg county voters would do themselves proud to elect, and then at the next term to put ate and then Bamberg county's citizens could rest easy that their interests were gone from the lower or any other part of the State

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hardwick visited in Blackville last week.

Mr. Herman Walker, who is attending college in North Carolina, is here to be Cotton and corn plowing is now begin-

There is something doing in Denmark. towns in the State. All we need now is just a little more enterprise on the part of our citizens, and we will be to the If you buy 100 pounds of White Lead front. All who are looking for new in kegs you get 88 pounds of White Lead homes and a place to cast their lot and invest their means are cordially invited to our pretty little city. It is healthy

Negro Commits Suicide.

St. George's, April 24.-Coroner Kizer. of this county, held an inquest yesterday over the remains of Pinckney Smith, a negro, who committed suicide at his home about eight miles from this town. From the testimony produced at the inquest the negro had a dispute with his wife, and Mr. Frank E. Cope of this county, who this seemed to be the reason why he took Ky., is a recent graduate of the Textile de- his life. He had one of his children to remove his left shoe, and he placed the Dr. King's New Discovery. It complete- will give him a good start in the downgun under his throat and pulled the trig- ly cured me and I have remained well evger with his toe. The load took effect in er since." It cures hemorrhages, chronic his throat, causing almost instant death. Is the only known cure for weak lungs. aches and spring disorders. Hollister's Every bottle guaranteed by H. F. Hoover Rocky Mountain Tea is a sure preventaupon his good luck and feel safe in say- his throat, causing almost instant death.

THE REFORMATORY SCHOOL.

Florence Wins the Location by an Offer of Fifty

Acres and \$4,000 Cash. The board of directors of the reformatory school for juvenile offenders met in Columbia last week and received bids for the location of the institution. Several localities made offers, but that of Florence appeared to be the best. That was fifty acres of land in the suburbs of the city and \$4,000 cash, and this was accepted. provided the board, after a visit, should find the location suitable.

The Laziest Man.

"The laziest man, I ever saw," said a traveling man, as the Philadelphia Record tells it, "was a station agent in a little one-horse village in Idaho. After I had finished what business I could do in the town, I went down to the railroad station to buy a ticket for my next stop.

"The lazy station master sat on a brokedown office chair, his feet on the ing the conference began its regular desk. When I asked for the ticket, he slowly reached up to the rack, drew it out, charges in the district, and the main handed it to me, and took my money without bestowing a glance upon me or moving from his chair.

"That's the laziest thing I ever saw,' I said to him. 'If you can do anything laz ier than that, I'll give you this dollar.'

"Without the slightest curiosity or even interest the loafer drawled, 'Put it in my pocket,' and I did."

Electric Railway.

The citizens of Bamberg are interested in a movement to build an electric railway from that town to Ehrhardt. The proposed road would connect at the latter point with the spur line of the Atlantic Coast Line running north from Walterboro, thus giving connection with the Charleston and Savannah division of that railway, on that end; while at the Bamberg end connection would be had with the Southern from Augusta to Branchville. The distance from Ehrhardt to Bamberg is about 15 miles as the crow flies-not so great a distance as to discourage the promoters of the projected enterprise. The proposed line is sorely needed. At present the southern coastal region between Charleston and Savannah is practically cut off from direct communication with the "up-country." To reach Columbia, the traveler from that section must go miles out of his way to correspondingly larger railroad fare. The proposed route would give direct communication between the section named and the middle and upper portions of the State. It is to be earnestly hoped that the project will be pushed forward to success. It should be a paying investment.-Columbia State.

One Viewpoint.

"Don't you think it would be a popular idea for you to have private baths here in the hotel?" suavely insinuated a slightly hypercritical tourist from the North.

"Well, I think it would be the proper checker to have 'em private if I was to show the esteem in which he is held by have 'em at all," replied the landlord of both preachers and laymen. the tavern at Polkville, Ark. "It would be sorter embarassin', 'pears to me, for church, our presiding elder, Rev. Marion the travelin' public to bath here in the office or out on the front porch, although district four years, must be appointed to I d' know but what it might be popular another field of labor; with the bypassers."

When you have that "tired feeling" and have no energy, try SHAW'S PURE MALT. It will build you right up. For sale at the Dispensary.

Luck.

Abraham Lincoln, after being a member siding elder with great regret. of congress, desired to secure a clerkship in Washington, but he was defeated by high appreciation of his unfailing kind-Justin Butterfield. He was disappointed, ness and courtesy in all his relationships, but had he not been defeated he would both official and private. have spent his life in obscurity instead of becoming president of the United States.

ship bound for America, but he was tak- place in our affections, and pray the richen back by a constable, and the result est blessing of Almighty God upon him was that he became one of the greatest in all hic future labors." men England ever knew.

Ulysses Grant would not have been a place of meeting. military man had it not been that his rival for a West Point cadetship had been called, and the pastors reported that all found to have six toes on each foot in- assessments for both foreign and domesstead of five.

had been discovered by the lucky acci- posing the Orangeburg district there has him. Then Furman boys surged over dent of a prospector throwing a piece of already been paid more than \$2,590.00 the side lines ready for fight and things rock at a lazy mule.

Right.

Irate wife-I want to know, sir, what

Irate wife-Twelve nothing! The

clock had just struck 3, and"-Husband (triumphantly) -Well, ain that a quarter of 12?

HUMAN BLOOD MARKS. A tale of horror was told by marks of human blood in the home of J. W. Williams, a well known merchant of Bac. He writes: "Twenty years ago I and was near death when I began taking or wrong, in all of his disputes. This coughs, settled colds and bronchitis, and and J. B. Black. 50c and \$1.00. Trial tive. Makes you strong and vigorous. 35c,

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

A VERY INTERESTING MEETING OF THE ORANGEBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Large Attendance of Preachers and Laymen. Gratifying Reports Received From all Churches-Resolutions Adopted.

The fortieth session of the Orangeburg district conference was held April 18-22 with the Bamberg Methodist church.

The sessions began last Wednesday

night with a strong sermon by Rev. L. P. McGee, the scholarly young pastor of St. Pauls church in Orangeburg. Rev. E. H. Beckham, of Branchville, was elected secretary, and the conference was thoroughly organized for work on Wednesday night. Rev. Marion Dargan. presiding elder of the district, was the president of the conference, and dispatched the business of the conference with ease and dignity. Thursday mornwork. There are seventeen pastoral work of the conference is to hear the reports from the pastors and laymen, as to all of the interests of the church. All of the pastors were present and quite number of laymen from the several charges. The reports made by the preachers and laymen of the condition

esting and instructive. Rev. J. B. Traywick, of Denmark preached Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. A. B. Watson, of judge refused it.

of the various interests of the church in

their respective charges were very inter-

Bowman, preached at night. Friday morning at 11 o'clock Hon. I W. Bowman, of Orangeburg, made a very strong speech in behalf of the Sundayschool work. Rev. S. A. Nettles, editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, ably represented that paper, and brought the gratifying intelligence that the Southern Christian Advocate has the largest subscription list of any paper in the State. Rev. W. B. Wharton, Superintendent of the Epworth Orphanage, told of the great work being done for the fatherless ones of the church. Before he could finish telling of a bright girl, who would be ready to go out from the Orphanage next fall, and who wanted to go to college if she but had the means, a few members of the conference pledged more than a huneast or to west, losing time and paying a dred dollars, thus making an education possible for her. At the conclusion of his talk a collection was taken for the Orphanage.

Friday afternoon the following were elected as delegates to the annual conference: J. B. Guess, O. B. Riley, I. W. Bowman, and W. D. Rhoad, with D. L. Rhoad and Geo. W. Fairey as alternates.

The presiding elder Rev. Marion Dargan, having served this district four years, according to the rules of the church, will have to be appointed to another field of labor. The following resolutions, unanimously passed by the conference.

"Whereas under the economy of our Dargan, having served the Orangeburg

"And, whereas, under his efficient lead ership, our loved Methodism has moved forward along all lines, especially in the great cause of missions.

"Be it resolved, first, that we, preachers and laymen, approach the time for the severance of his relationship as our pre-

"Second, that we hereby express our

"Third, that we desire hereby to place on record the high esteem in which he is Oliver Cromwell was once on board a held by us, to assure him of an abiding

Rowesville was selected as the next

Friday night each pastoral charge was tic missions were paid in full. This take fire until the Wofford manager, upon The great silver mine, the Silver King, means that in the seventeen charges com- being appealed to, declined to restrain for missions.

The Methodist institutions of learning were ably represented before the conference. Columbia College by Rev. S. H. time it was when you got home last Zimmerman, Lander College by Dr. Jno. O Willson, and Wofford College by Prof. Husband (meekly)-A quarter of 12, John G. Clinkscales.

The visitors seemed to appreciate the hospitality of the people of Bamberg and passed very complimentary resolutions. The preaching on Sunday was done by Dr. John O. Wilson and Rev. S. H. Zimmerman, with an address in the afternoon by Prof. J. G. Clinkscales.

If you want to ruin your boy, an exchange truly says, just take his side on every question and dispute he has with his teacher or his neighbor's children. had severe hemorrhages of the lungs, Just let him know you are with him, right ward path.

> This is the season of listlessness, head-Tea or Tablets. H. F. Hoover.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Record of Cases Tried, Both Criminal and Civil, Since Last Week's Issue,

When we went to press last week the court was engaged in trying the case against W. C. Dickinson, charged with poisoning Ben F. Reed. A number of witnesses were examined, but the State, never had any chance of convicting the defendant. All the testimony in this case has been gone over in these columns. and nothing new was brought out at the trial. The jury only remained in their room long enough to prepare a verdict of not guilty. They were out only a few minutes-exactly seven minutes so we understand.

Elliott Jones, a negro who was convicted of larceny of live stock, was sentenced to 13 months on the chain gang. His case was appealed to the Supreme Court and he was granted bond in the sum of \$300. H. C. Folk went on his bond. No other criminal cases were tried, and civil cases were taken up.

S. D. Guess against the Southern Railway resulted in a verdict for the railroad This was a suit for damages for burning a barn, claimed to have been set by sparks from a railroad engine. This was the third trial. In the two former trials the jury could not agree and mistrials were ordered.

John F. Folk against the Southern Railway was tried, and the jury rendered a verdict of \$600 for the plaintiff. This was also a damage suit for burning wood land, set by sparks from an engine. A motion for a new trial was made, but the

E. A. Smoak and A. L. Wilson against the Southern Railway resulted in a verdict of \$150 for Mrs. Smoak, and for the railroad in the Wilson case. This was a suit for damages for killing a mule and wrecking a wagon. Mr. Wilson was in a wagon coming to Bamberg and was struck by the up passenger train at the Midway crossing. Mrs. Smoak bought the suit to recover for killing the mule, and Mr. Wilson sued to recover for personal injuries sustained. He was thrown

out of the wagon and bruised up. The cases of John Minnigan against the Southern Railway, and J. F. Carroll against John F. Folk were discontinued. Ellis Felder as guardian for Thomas Felder, against the Southern Railway, resulted in a verdict of \$200 damages for

the plaintiff. This concluded all the business of court for last week. Monday morning the case of J. D. Copeland against the Southern Railway was tried. A verdict for the plaintiff for \$450.25 was rendered. This was a suit to recover for cotton burned in the depot fire here last fall.

A number of other civil cases were to tried, but had to be postponed for one reason or another. Considerable equity business was transacted, a number of orders were taken, a few appeals from courts of magistrates were heard, and court adjourned about midday Monday.

A FOOLISH PROCEEDING.

White College Boys Make Themselves Ridiculous and Create Trouble For the Negro,

We clip the following from the Greenville News. If the statements be true it is plain that both colleges need to change their way of dealing with negroes. It will not do for white boys to be carrying a negro around with them in this way. They make themselves ridiculous and make a negro entirely too uppish. Just think of a negro "guying" white boys at a base ball game:

"Wofford's mascot came near being roughly handled by Furman students at the Wofford-Furman baseball game yesterday afternoon.

He was a big ebon negro, imported from Spartanburg, dressed up in yard upon yard of Wofford old gold and black and full of mean corn whiskey, or its equivalent in intoxicating properties.

The Furman lads did not relish his appearance on their field in his gaudy trappings, but they ignored his presence until he began making impertinent remarks and guying Furman players, in all his black slickness and glory. He was told to shut up but the Baptist rooters did not looked black for the negro. Mr. R. C. Burts, however, prevented a distasteful scene by prompt action. He reached the negro first, and told him that he would be quiet or be thrashed soundly, then and there. The negro hesitated, but glanced at Mr. Burt's six feet of brawn and muscle, looked once into his cold, level eves. and slunk back to the Wofford bench. Afterwards he contented himself with looking after the bats of the young collegians who imported him.

Fortunately few people on the grandstand knew of the incident at the time. Some rash fire-eater might easily have

percipitated a most disgraceful riot. Furman had a bat-boy, also, and he too became obstreperous, but subsided at a sharp hint from the grandstand."

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the nerves and blood with life. It's a pleasure to take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c, Tea or Tablets. H. F. Hoover.